

Dart 18 Worlds:

## Three nations match at Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta



### Boat carrying illegal persons intercepted

**PHILIPSBURG**--The Antillean and Aruban Coast Guard stopped a boat from smuggling 32 Haitians to the U.S.A. early Tuesday. An 11-year-old girl was among the mostly-women passengers of Agatha D. Grenada, which the Coast Guard caught in the territorial waters of St. Maarten, according to police. The girl is being housed at the I Can Foundation children's home while the other 10 persons are being held at the police station. Authorities are investigating the boat's and passengers' origins and working to repatriate them, police spokesman Inspector Ricardo Henson said Tuesday. □

This year's Dart 18 Worlds catamaran sailing brings strong competition to Aruba. Title defender and European champion Emmanuel Dodé (FRA) will be present. The current Dutch and Belgian Champions David Lloyd en Joanna Jones-Pierce (GBR) are also on their way to the Caribbean island. The 41 teams, representing nine countries, are going to fight a tough battle for victory on the Caribbean Sea. The first starting gun will be fired on Sunday November 22, on the same day as the nineteenth Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta commences with fourteen participants. Dodé and Lloyd/Jones-Pierce are considered as favourites. David Lloyd is the only sailor

who competed in all previous Dart 18 World Championships. In 1998, the British duo won its first bronze medal at the Dart 18 Worlds and number three followed last year. They took silver in 2007. So far into this season, they have beaten Dodé in all meetings. The French couple Thierry and Christine Wibeaux will absolutely try to repeat its winning performance at the 2004 Worlds. From Germany, the former European Champions Matthias Huber

and Dominik Volke will line up.

The annual Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta will be held simultaneously with the Dart 18 Worlds.

**Aruba Heineken Regatta Open Class**

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A special Employee Relations committee made up of resort colleagues invited Mental Health Services, Wellness & Health Vendors and organizations who deliver free educational lectures to attend the happening as well as other professional services such as Vision Screening, Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening, Substance Abuse Assessment Services and various other community organizations & counselors to answer question and richly inform. The day will also include the To be Fit Gym activities.

Kids will be entertained by means of a Dino Jump & Coloring Activities while adults tend to their physical condition.

“The day will be filled with educational information to improve our colleagues’ health,” says Lourdes Geerman, an active committee member who promotes the Health Fair via the slogan “Yes, I Can be Healthy,” borrowed from famed



Radisson “Yes, I Can,” philosophy and core value.

The Radisson is hereby inviting its extended family members to attend to drop in to hear about Healthy Eating Habits, Stress

& Anger Management, Natural Medicine, or Substance Misuse. Visitors may take a Zumba lesson with a certified instructor, swing to the beat and burn calories, as they participate and learn how to

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## Brazil wins Nations Cup final with spectacular Beach Tennis



MOOMBA BEACH - Tears of happiness flowed on the face of one of the superb Brazilian women players as the team from Brazil won the first Aruba Nations Cup. The final was held on Friday evening, after a hectic afternoon filled with spectacular play on the sand of MooMba Beach.

The final was between Italy, favorite for the title, and Brazil, and guess who won: Brazil. In both the men's final as the women's final Italy was ahead in the beginning. At the ultimate moment, both Brazilian teams saw the light and things started to go their way. Two tie-breaks decided the two world-class matches.

The results of the Aruban team in the Nations Cup tournament at MooMba Beach were truly terrific: third place! □



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Prizes, medals, cheers and applause

## Beach Tennis Awards night at the Stellaris Casino was a blast



PALM BEACH - Continuing in the same outrageous, happy and wild mode as last Sunday evening after the finals of the Aruba International Beach Tennis Tournament, finalists and winners were all smiles at the Stellaris Casino, sponsor of the prize money of this most successful event. After organizers Jochem Ros and Sjoerd de Vries called the various champions on stage and prizes had been handed out, the temperature at the bar area rose even higher as the night was danced away.

Italians, Brazilians, Czechs and Arubans partied and partied.

The Aruba International Beach Tennis Tournament was powered by Stellaris Casino at the Marriott Resort, Amstel Bright, Island Temptation, Alno Kitchen nv, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), Bacardi Mojito, The Boardwalk, Aruba Beach Villas, Aruba Aloe, the

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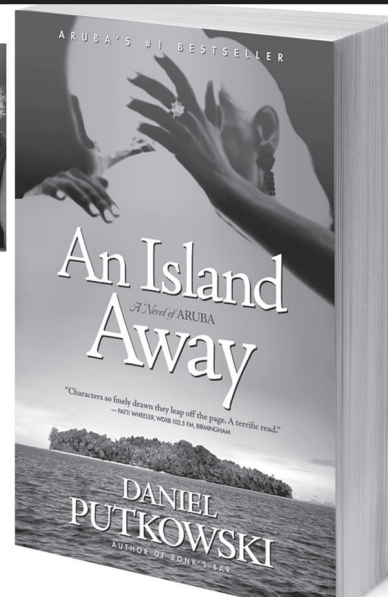
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Hong Kong.

Chang Chia-Yuan, a native of Taiwan, in business in the Caribbean for the past few years will be introducing the street food culture of this sub-tropical island to Arubans and visitors on the third floor of the Palm Beach Plaza, at the food court.

Prepare to savor rice tamales with meat and other fillings, oyster omelets, meatball dumplings, and slender beef noodles, with sweet pastries for dessert, a culinary



experience reflecting the food prepared by street vendors in Taiwan's popular markets.

The cuisine of Taiwan, C. Chang explains is usually milder than the spicy Szechwan, and the Chubby Panda chef, an expert Taiwanese cook will deliver a varied and unique experience, once the outlet opens on December 18th. C. Chang's other project, Dream Bowl Aruba, takes the classic sport of bowling

up a notch with glow bowling, an exciting form of entertainment featuring glow-in-the-dark bowling balls. Dream Bowl also houses pool tables, indoor basketball hoops, and a game room.

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# Three nations match at ArubaHeineken Catamaran Regatta



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Twelve races are scheduled for the fourteen beach cats in the open class.

Former winners Xander Pols (NED) and John Moret (NED) are believed to be the biggest favourites. Pols also took the line honours of the Zwitterleven Round Texel Race twice. The fleet represents the Dutch,

German and Aruban flags, so it is going to be a match between these three nations.

For the majority of participants, the long distance race is always the highlight of the week. It takes the fleet down the Aruban coast, along the harbour of Oranjestad and on the way back through a



beautiful lagoon. The course racing around the marks takes place on the Caribbean Sea off Palm Beach. Due to the prevailing offshore trade winds, the water is flat.

This allows competitors of all levels to participate. Both competitions will finish on Friday November 27, with a lay-day on November 24.

Traditionally, the organization offers an extensive social program, including beach parties and happy hours.



## Dart 18 - Younger sister of Tornado

In 1975, Rodney March (GBR) designed the Dart 18 as a One Design Class. The concept originates from his earlier creation, the ex-Olympic Tornado from 1967. The Dart 18 is 5.5 meters long, has a mainsail and jib, one trapeze for the crew and no dagger boards. The boat is easy to sail and therefore still popular. Thanks to the lack of continuous development of equipment, the Dart 18 remains an affordable class for a wider group of sailors.

## Organization

The nineteenth Aruba Heineken Regatta and the Dart 18 Worlds are organized by Edwin Lodder of Sailing Management International and Discover. His company is specialized in and full-time focussed on the organization of sailing events, such as worlds' biggest cat race the Zwitterleven Round Texel, Delta Lloyd North Sea Regatta, DELTAWEEK, Delta Lloyd 24 Hours Sailing Race, 470 Worlds 2010 and the Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta.

In addition to the title sponsors Aruba Tourism Authority and Heineken Aruba NV, this year's Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta and Dart18 World Championships are also supported by Martinair, GILS Worldwide, Setar,

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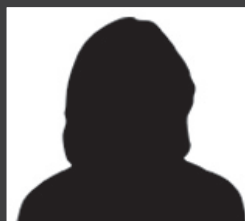
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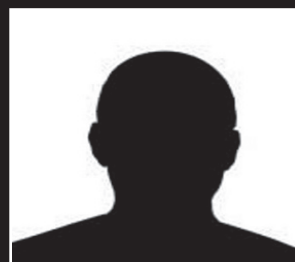
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On the 5th of December, they will ride across the rooftops to drop presents down the chimneys of the homes of all well-behaved children. According to legend, children

who have been bad will be spanked and put in a burlap sack to be taken back to Spain. Even though it's the same each and every year, it is still a special moment: Saint Nicolas is here again!

On Sunday, Saint Nicolas will visit the Catharijneconvent (St Catharine's Convent) in Utrecht. The Saint Nicolas exhibition at the museum for religious art opened six weeks ago. Museum spokesperson Billie-Jo Krul says: "We already welcomed 10,000 visitors even before Saint

Nicolas entered the country. Nobody expected that. We want to show that Saint Nicolas is a very popular saint and that the feast of Saint Nicolas has been around for ages."

## Legends

Saint Nicolas can be seen in 15th century paintings on loan from the Galleria degli Uffizi in Florence and from the Vatican museums. They show baby Nicolas standing up in his bath on the day he was born, saying a prayer of thanks to God for giving him life. It is just one of many legends about the pious, generous Nicolas. In view of the fact that Nicolas was born in the year 280 – he went on to become bishop of the city of Myra in Asia Minor and died in 350 – the paintings clearly show he lived on in people's memories even more than a thousand years later.

Also on display is The Feast of Saint Nicolas, an authentic Jan Steen from the 17th century, by which time Saint Nicolas had become a lover of children who visited homes to give children presents on the eve of his birthday.

## Ratings

The exhibition shows that his servant Black Pete did not join Saint Nicolas until 1850, when teacher Jan Schenkman published his Sinterklaasboekje (Book of Saint Nicolas). The legends and stories are still being added to. Many Dutch children know the Saint's horse is called Amerigo,

and that Saint Nicolas wears a baseball cap instead of a mitre when he is at home. His adventures can be watched daily on a number of television channels: Saint Nicolas has become a ratings hit.

And about half the country still celebrates Saint Nicolas' Eve on the fifth of December, including presents, chocolate milk and speculaas (spiced biscuits). The Roman Catholic saint is welcomed in households of all possible denominations, and is also popular among migrant families.

## Memories

In addition to the historical aspect of Saint Nicolas – including many old paintings and prints – the exhibition at the Catharijneconvent also features contemporary artefacts. Visitors are encouraged to supply their own stories and photographs. One wall in the museum is covered in photographs, many of them still in black-and-white, of children sitting on Saint Nicolas' lap and of tables laden with packages, the saint has had his picture taken while sitting on a rickshaw and on a motorcycle. Some of the photographs feature children dressed up as Saint Nicolas or Black Pete, while others show the saint's arrival on the tropical island of Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles. The website

[sintnicolaasopbezoek.nl](http://sintnicolaasopbezoek.nl) (Dutch language only) includes all the photographs left behind by visitors to the museum, already more than 150 by the last count; and also stories often involving personal memories from dozens of years ago. Visitors regularly write about the day they were devastated because they were "big enough to learn the truth", a major rite of passage on the Dutch road to adulthood.

## Emotions

A special route has been set out for young visitors to the exhibition at the Utrecht museum: a hunt along the Spice Nut Trail. They are officially declared Saint Nicolas experts if they correctly answer a number of questions about the saint. And most of their parents and grandparents are quite happy to join the hunt.

"It's great to see how everybody gets into the spirit", says Billie-Jo Krul. "Everyone has an emotional connection to Saint Nicolas, which surfaces when they visit the exhibition." She talks about the live satellite feed set up for the official opening of the exhibition in October. While making preparations for the uplink, she had a personal encounter with the 'real' Saint Nicolas, the one you see on television. And for a minute there, she felt like a child again. □



De legende van de drie meisjes (Gift to the three poor girls). This late Medieval painting by Gentile da Fabriano (property of the Vatican Museums) depicts three young women who are too poor to receive a dowry. To save them from a life of prostitution, Saint Nicolas threw gold nuggets through the window. Nowadays his helper "Black Pete" throws sweets and gingerbread nuggets.



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# Setback of 30 million after New Post audit

WILLEMSTAD -- The financial part of a quick scan at New Post Netherlands Antilles (NPNA) revealed a blunder implying a setback of not less than 30 million guilders for the company. By means of an investment plan, management now wants to aim for increased revenues from postal and logistic services to clear away all the red figures.

"It regards cost-of-living supplements of 2007 and 2008.

That concerns the part of someone's pension that the last employer has to pay in conformity with the pension ordinance.

"It's true that the General Pension Fund of the Netherlands Antilles APNA advances such, but it charges that employer periodically.

We will not be able to get around this," said director Franklin "Chebu" Sluis, who had ordered the quick scan when he was appointed.

The final results of the scan had been presented last April. "From all appearances the financial director had interpreted the cost-of-living supplement incorrectly. The actuarial report had stated the total of 7,500 for a certain period and this official had erroneously assumed this to be 7,500 guilders.

"However, the beginning

of the report states 'figures are mentioned in thousands of guilders.' It therefore amounted to 7.5 million guilders: a capital blunder."

If other cost-of-living supplement periods are considered, along with a possible debt of four million guilders to the Postal Savings Bank, the revealed setback is approximately 30 million guilders.

This is still 10 million less than published in the media as "losses which Canadian Post had succeeded in concealing"

for the team that had negotiated with them on breaking off the strategic agreement between the two organisations.

"It's possible that this enormous interpretation mistake could have been discovered if the relevant official had not also managed the computerised system and did his own internal control; of course an undesired mix of functions," Sluis continued.

He still assumes a human mistake – no matter how gigantic and incomprehensible – and not bad intention. □

## Maria's candidacy under discussion

PHILIPSBURG--Democratic Party (DP) leader Sarah Wescot-Williams remains tight-lipped about who will be the candidates on the party's slate for the January 22 Parliamentary elections. However, reports reaching The Daily Herald say there are intense discussions within the party about whether it should field Island Council member and former parliamentarian Maria Buncamper-Molanus as a candidate.

Buncamper-Molanus has been at the centre of several controversies within the party and as a commissioner, and the discussions within the party are said to be focussing on whether her presence on the list could damage the party's chances in the elections.

Wescot-Williams who is expected to head the party's list, told this newspaper Tuesday that several party meetings still had to be held about the composition of the slate and to finalise it, so divulging the line-up would be premature. She confirmed that the DP would present a full slate of eleven on Monday, nomination day.

When asked whether Buncamper-Molanus would be on the list, Wescot-Williams simply said party meetings were still ongoing and a General Membership Meeting had been planned tentatively for Friday.

Buncamper-Molanus, when asked about her participation in the elections, said she had no comment on the matter.

The DP slate is expected to have deputy leader Parliamentarian Erno Labega listed somewhere in the top five. Labega is campaigning to return to what is again dubbed the last Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

Several new and younger faces are tipped to round off the list for the party that now holds one of the three seats allotted to St. Maarten. The DP is part of the current parliamentary opposition.

It is also in opposition in the Island Council after a coalition was formed on June 8 by main rival National Alliance (NA) and Island Councilman/Commissioner Theo Heyliger, a former DP member and grandson of DP co-founder Dr. Claude Wathey. □





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### Stock market falls as home construction slows



**FILE** - In this Sept. 30, 2008 file photo, a Wall St. sign hangs in front of the New York Stock Exchange. The modest drop in the market Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, comes a day after major stock indicators closed at 13-month highs.

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**  
and **TIM PARADIS**,  
AP Business Writers

**NEW YORK** — Investors turned cautious Wednesday as an unexpected drop in home construction and disappointing forecasts from technology companies raised concerns about the pace of the economy's recovery. The modest drop came a day after major stock indicators closed at 13-month highs, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which has risen 9 of the past 10 days. Analysts said the quick ascent means the market is due for a rest.

John Brady, senior vice president of global interest rate products at MF Global in Chicago, said as the end of the year approaches traders are looking foremost at preserving the gains amassed in an eight-month rally that has given the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index a gain of 22.9 percent for the year.

"It's a bit of a consolidation trade," he said. "Traders are scared to go out too far out on a limb here and do anything too risky late in the year."

The day's economic news added to investors' caution. The Commerce Department said construction of homes and apartments fell 10.6 percent in October to an annual rate of

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

529,000, well below the pace of 600,000 that economists polled by Thomson Reuters expected.

Joe Heider, president of Dawson Wealth Management in Cleveland, said the disappointing results "will push against what was a very bullish attitude on Wall Street."

Heider said investors were trying to determine whether the slowdown signaled weakness in the economy or a reluctance among builders to break ground when the future of a homebuyers' tax credit was uncertain. Lawmakers extended a tax credit for first-time homebuyers that was set to end this month through June.

Building permits, a key indication for future activity, slid 4 percent to an annual rate of 552,000, also below the rate of 580,000 that analysts had forecast.

Technology shares fell after BMO Capital Markets said Blackberry maker Research In Motion Ltd. faces increased competition as consumers opt for less expensive phones. Meanwhile, forecasts from software makers Autodesk Inc. and Salesforce.com fell short of analysts expectations. In midafternoon trading, the Dow fell 42.40, or 0.4 percent, to 10,395.02. The broader

S&P 500 index fell 3.19, or 0.3 percent, to 1,107.13, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 16.69, or 0.8 percent, to 2,187.09.

There was little reaction to a report that found inflation at the retail level remained tame as rising unemployment, nervous consumers and tight credit keep prices stable.

The Labor Department said consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in October, slightly above the 0.2 percent economists expected. Core inflation, which excludes volatile energy and food prices, rose 0.2 percent, compared to expectations of a 0.1 percent rise.

A report released Tuesday on prices at the wholesale level showed rapid inflation was not imminent, supporting comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's earlier in the week.

Investors are looking for any signals of further improvement in the economy to justify the gains that pulled major stock indexes off 12-year lows in March. Rising unemployment and tepid retail sales have some analysts worried that investors might have been too quick to place bets on a recovery.

President Barack Obama told Fox News on Wednesday that he is worried that spending too much to help boost the economy could invite a second recession because rising deficits could sap confidence. The dollar mostly fell against other major currencies, while gold rose.

The drop in the dollar offered modest support to stocks. The market often moves opposite the dollar as weakness in the currency boosts demand for commodities. That, in turn, strengthens shares of energy and materials companies as well as exporters whose goods become cheaper to foreign buyers. □



Workers construct a house by developer KB Home in Gilbert, Arizona in this file image from October 20, 2009. The U.S. Commerce Department stated on November 18, 2009 that housing starts dropped 10.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 529,000 units, the lowest level since April and the percentage drop was the biggest since January.

REUTERS/Joshua Lott/Files

### Weak home building a drag on economic recovery

By **ALAN ZIBEL**  
and **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**,  
AP Business Writers

**WASHINGTON** — The budding economic recovery is getting little help from the home building industry, which normally creates jobs and boosts growth as a recession ends.

Construction of homes unexpectedly plunged last month to its lowest point since April, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. The weak figures show that builders fear there aren't enough buyers to soak up the glut of unsold homes already on the market — a supply magnified by record-high foreclosures.

They also illustrate how much the fledgling recovery depends on government aid. Builders held back in part because of uncertainty in October about whether Congress would extend a tax credit for homebuyers. Earlier this month, lawmakers renewed the credit and extended it to more buyers.

Even with government support, the weakness of the housing sector is dragging on the economy.

"It will take a while before residential construction begins to contribute meaningfully to growth," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note.

The tepid recovery is also holding down inflation. While consumer prices edged up faster than expected in October, they remain lower than they were a year ago. And inflation is expected to stay subdued.

The Labor Department said consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in October, a bit more than the 0.2 percent economists had expected. Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose 0.2 percent, compared with expectations for a 0.1 percent rise. The higher figure was driven by another increase in energy prices and the biggest jump in new car prices in 28 years. The price of used cars and trucks also rose by the most since September 1980.

Analysts said the jump in used car prices partially reflected the government's Cash for Clunkers rebate program. The program reduced the stockpile of used vehicles. This happened because cars that qualified for the clunkers program were junked and so weren't available for resale. □



# Cage uncuffs inner bad cop for 'Bad Lieutenant'

By DAVID GERMAIN,  
AP Movie Writer

TORONTO — Nicolas Cage figures he owes no apologies when critics gripe about all the Hollywood action flicks he's done.

An Academy Award winner for "Leaving Las Vegas," Cage says those commercial movies provide the freedom to do smaller, smarter films such as his offbeat cop tale "Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans."

And he notes that his big studio flicks, including the "National Treasure" adventures, also do something his critics overlook: entertain big, big audiences.

"I am eclectic, and I do like to make many different kinds of films. And it's true that if you can have a certain level of bankability, you can get movies greenlit, movies that maybe would not have a chance because of the material. The subject matter is too edgy," Cage, 45, said in an interview at September's Toronto International Film Festival, where "Bad Lieutenant" played in advance of its theatrical release Friday.

"But that's not to denigrate the movies that I've made like 'National Treasure,' because those movies make a lot of people happy. They provide a ritual, if you will, for families to go and share something with their children... I feel that I'm applying myself in a very decent way to be able to make movies like that." Cage — who is suing his former business manager for \$20 million, claiming mismanagement that led him toward financial ruin — has a busy release schedule to help restore his personal fortune.

He has three movies due out in 2010: the supernatural saga "Season of the Witch," with Cage as a 14th century knight transporting a woman whose sorcery is blamed for the black plague; "Kick-Ass," an action comedy in which he plays a vigilante dad who meets up with a teenage superhero wannabe; and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," in which he reunites with "National Treasure" director Jon Turteltaub for a live-action tale that expands on the Mickey Mouse escapade in Walt Disney's animated classic "Fantasia."

Adapted from a poem by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" stars Cage as a 1,500-year-old disciple of the wizard Merlin who

takes on his own pupil to combat rising evil.

Cage said it's another family-friendly fantasy tale, the opposite of "Bad Lieutenant," whose explosive violence and extreme drug use are leavened by raucously twisted humor.

Directed by Werner Herzog, the film stars Cage as a New Orleans police detective traipsing about post-Katrina New Orleans, snorting, popping and smoking whatever drugs he can while threatening witnesses in pursuit of savage killers.

The film is not an outright remake of 1992's "Bad Lieutenant" starring Harvey Keitel, but rather Herzog and Cage's take on the idea of a cop without conscience, doing his job in a sometimes hallucinatory fog.

"While we were maneuvering the film into some very stark, dark, abysmal humor, black humor, I always sensed it would work, because sometimes I would see Nicolas Cage at arm's length from me in front of the camera... and I was exploding in laughter," Herzog said, adding that he would gag himself with a handkerchief to keep from disrupting the scene.

"He notices how I'm gagged and turning purple, and he adds something else, and the moment that we call 'cut,' I'm exploding in laughter. I knew it would come across to an audience in a similar way."

Early in his career, Cage changed his last name from Coppola, saying he did not think he would get a fair shot from filmmakers who knew he was the nephew of Francis Ford Coppola.

Though he worked with his uncle on "Rumble Fish," "The Cotton Club" and "Peggy Sue Got Married," Cage made his own way, mixing things up with smaller films ("Birdy," "Wild at Heart," "Racing With the Moon"), acclaimed fan favorites ("Moonstruck," "Raising Arizona," "Adaptation") and volcanic action ("The Rock," "Con Air," "Face/Off").

"Bad Lieutenant" marked Cage's first time back working in New Orleans since he shot his directing debut there with 2002's "Sonny." Cage said he was anxious about returning, because he had a life-changing experience in New Orleans during the "Sonny" shoot.

"In some ways, you could say that I was reborn in New Orleans, and I had this terrifying, mystical experience," said Cage, who would not provide



FILE - In this Sept. 15, 2009 file photo, actor Nicolas Cage poses for a portrait at the 34th Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

(AP Photo/Carlo Allegri, file)

details about what happened.

Critics may assail Cage for his action movies, but they're heaping praise on the actor for the frenzy and fearlessness of his role in "Bad Lieutenant."

New Orleans might have something to do with that, Cage said. Going back was a catharsis, and the city's spirit helped inspire his performance, he said.

"New Orleans is not like any place else in the world. It was colonized by the French and Spanish, it has these African energies, and all these things sort of roll into one to create this genius loci, which is the reason we have jazz," Cage said.

"I felt that I could embrace that, and that I could maybe have a bit of jazz, or my understanding of jazz, in the delivery. Which, my understanding is, that you know the lines so well that you go off-page and you improvise, and you can riff, and you can soak that energy up if you're willing to listen to it. And that's what I think happened." □

## Janet Jackson: Michael in denial over drug problem

By FRAZIER MOORE,  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Janet Jackson says she recognized her brother Michael's drug problem, and tried to help him, but that he rebuffed those attempts to intervene. "You can't make 'em drink the water," Jackson told ABC News in an interview airing Wednesday.

When asked if her brother was in denial about his addiction, she replied, "Possibly."

"I wish he could answer this question for

you and not me," she told ABC's Robin Roberts. "I felt that he was in denial."

She blames Dr. Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, for his death June 25.

Prosecutors in Los Angeles are weighing charges against Murray, who told police he administered a powerful anesthetic to the singer shortly before he died.

During the interview, the 43-year-old Janet Jackson spoke of her upcoming diet book, "True You," which chronicles her lifelong struggle to control her weight.

She has gained some mastery over her self-image, she said, after years of "just picking yourself apart all the time because you're so used to being kind of picked apart."

She said she hasn't seen "This Is It," the new documentary film spotlighting her late brother as he prepared for the concert tour that would've taken place last summer.

"I definitely won't, not right now," she said. "I don't know if I will ever see it." □



FILE - In this Sept. 28, 2009 file photo, Janet Jackson arrives for the amfAR charity dinner during the fashion week in Milan, Italy.

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## Sebelius: Women should get mammograms by age 40

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON – Women should continue getting regular mammograms starting at age 40, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Wednesday, moving to douse confusion caused by a task-force recommendation two days earlier.

Sebelius issued her statement following a government panel's recommendation on Monday, that said most women don't need mammograms in their 40s and should get one every two years starting at 50.

That recommendation was a break with the American Cancer Society's long-standing position that women should get screening mammograms starting at age 40.

The task force does "not set federal policy and they don't determine what services are covered by the federal government," Sebelius said.

Medicare, which covers older Americans and some younger ones who are disabled, provides women on Medicare coverage for an annual mammogram at age 40 and older.

Sebelius noted that there has been debate about the age at which routine mammograms should begin, and how often they should be given.

"The task force has presented some new evidence for consideration but our

policies remain unchanged," she said. "Indeed, I would be very surprised if any private insurance company changed its mammography coverage decisions as a result of this action."

"My message to women is simple. Mammograms have always been an important lifesaving tool in the fight against breast cancer and they still are today. Keep doing what you have been doing for years — talk to your doctor about your individual history, ask questions and make the decision that is right for you," Sebelius said.

In the meantime, she added, it is clear that more research is needed into ways to help women prevent and fight breast cancer.

The recommendations from the task force have left women across the country confused about which advice to take. It also quickly led to charges from opponents of changing health care policy that it is an example of what could be expected from government-managed care.

In its report the panel of doctors and scientists concluded that such early and frequent screenings often lead to false alarms and unneeded biopsies, without substantially improving women's odds of survival.

But their recommendation was loudly criticized by breast cancer survivors who were diagnosed at a young age. □

## AP source: Senate bill to cover 31 million



Senate Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks to the media about the Democratic health care bill on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, in Washington. Sens. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., Al Franken, D-Minn., second left, and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., listen in the back.

*Associated Press*

DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior Democratic leadership aide says legislation headed to the U.S. Senate floor would extend health care coverage to 31 million uninsured Americans at a cost of \$849 billion over a decade.

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FILE - This April 22, 2009 file photo shows the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama, leaving the Port of Mombasa, Kenya. Somali pirates attacked the Maersk Alabama ship for the second time in seven months on Wednesday Nov. 18, 2009, but guards aboard the cargo ship returned fire and repelled the takeover attempt, the EU's naval force said.

*Associated Press*

## U.S. ship repels pirates with guns and sound blasts

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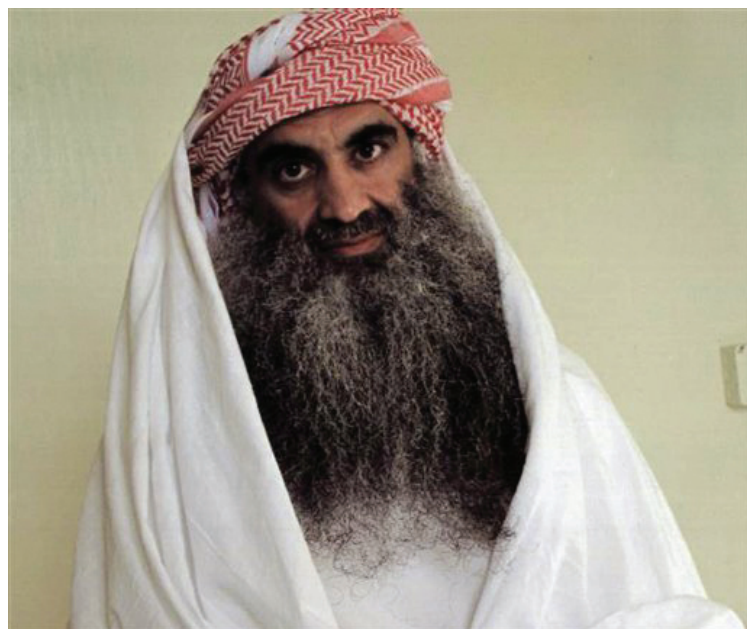
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Guards aboard the Maersk Alabama used guns and a sound blaster Wednesday to repel the second pirate attack in seven months on the U.S. vessel at a time when ships are increasingly hiring armed security teams to thwart hijackings.

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# Obama: Professed Sept. 11 leader will be convicted



This July 2009 photo downloaded from the Arabic language web site [www.muslim.net](http://www.muslim.net) shows a man identified by the site as Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the accused mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, in detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The picture was allegedly taken by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and released only to the detainee's family.

*Associated Press*

**DEVLIN BARRETT** predicted that professed  
Associated Press Writer Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sheikh Mohammed will be  
President Barack Obama convicted and executed as

Attorney General Eric Holder proclaimed: "Failure is not an option."

Even if a terror trial suspect were acquitted, Holder said, he would not be released in the United States.

In one of a series of TV interviews during his trip to Asia, Obama said those offended by the legal privileges given to Mohammed by virtue of getting a civilian trial rather than a military tribunal will not find it "offensive at all when he's convicted and when the death penalty is applied to him."

Obama quickly added that he did not mean to suggest he was prejudging the outcome of Mohammed's trial. "I'm not going to be in that courtroom," he said. "That's the job of the prosecutors, the judge and the jury."

In interviews broadcast on NBC and CNN Wednesday, the president also said that

experienced prosecutors in the case who specialize in terrorism have offered assurances that "we'll convict this person with the evidence they've got, going through our system."

Obama said the American people should have no concern about the capability of civilian courts to try suspected terrorists. Attorney General Eric Holder last week announced the decision to bring Mohammed and four others detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to trial at a lower Manhattan courthouse.

Holder sought to explain U.S. prosecution strategy Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, where lawmakers questioned him along largely partisan lines over his decision last week to send Mohammed and four alleged henchmen from a detention center at Guantanamo to New York to face a civilian federal trial in New York.

Asked what might happen if the suspects are acquitted, Holder replied: "Failure is not an option. These are cases that have to be won. I don't expect that we will have a contrary result." Sen. Charles Grassley pounced on that answer.

"It just seemed to me ludicrous, but I'm a farmer, not a lawyer," Grassley said.

Seeking to allay such concerns, Holder insisted the suspects will be convicted, but even if one is not, "that doesn't mean that person would be released into our country."

Critics of Holder's decision — mostly Republicans — have argued the trial will give Mohammed a world stage to spout hateful rhetoric.

Holder said such concerns are misplaced, because judges can control unruly defendants and any pronouncements by Mohammed would only make him look worse.

"I have every confidence that the nation and the world will see him for the coward that he is," Holder told the committee. "I'm not scared of what Khalid Sheik Mohammed has to say at trial — and no one else needs to be either."

Holder said the public and the nation's intelligence secrets can be protected during a

public trial in civilian court.

"We need not cower in the face of this enemy," Holder says. "Our institutions are strong, our infrastructure is sturdy, our resolve is firm, and our people are ready."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat and the committee chairman, supported Holder's decision. Mohammed, Leahy said, "committed crimes of murder in our country and we will prosecute them in our country. We're the most powerful nation on earth, we have a justice system that is the envy of the world. We will not be afraid."

Tempers flared when Sen. Jon Kyl, a Republican, challenged Holder to say how a civilian trial could be better, since Mohammed has sought to plead guilty to a military commission.

"How could he be more likely to get a conviction than that?" pressed Kyl, to applause from some in the hearing room.

The attorney general said his decision is not based "on the whims or the desires of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed ... He will not select the prosecution venue, I will. And I have."

Holder announced Friday that five accused Sept. 11 conspirators currently held at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be transferred to federal court in Manhattan to face trial — just blocks from the site of the former World Trade Center, whose twin towers crashed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Five other suspects, Holder said, will be sent to face justice before military commissions in the United States, though a location for those commissions has not yet been determined.

The actual transfer of the suspects to New York is still many weeks away. The transfers are a key step in Obama's pledge to close the detention center at Guantanamo, which currently houses some 215 detainees. The administration is not expected to meet its January deadline to shutter the facility.

In addition to the 10 detainees named Friday, Holder is expected to send others to trials and commissions in the United States. □

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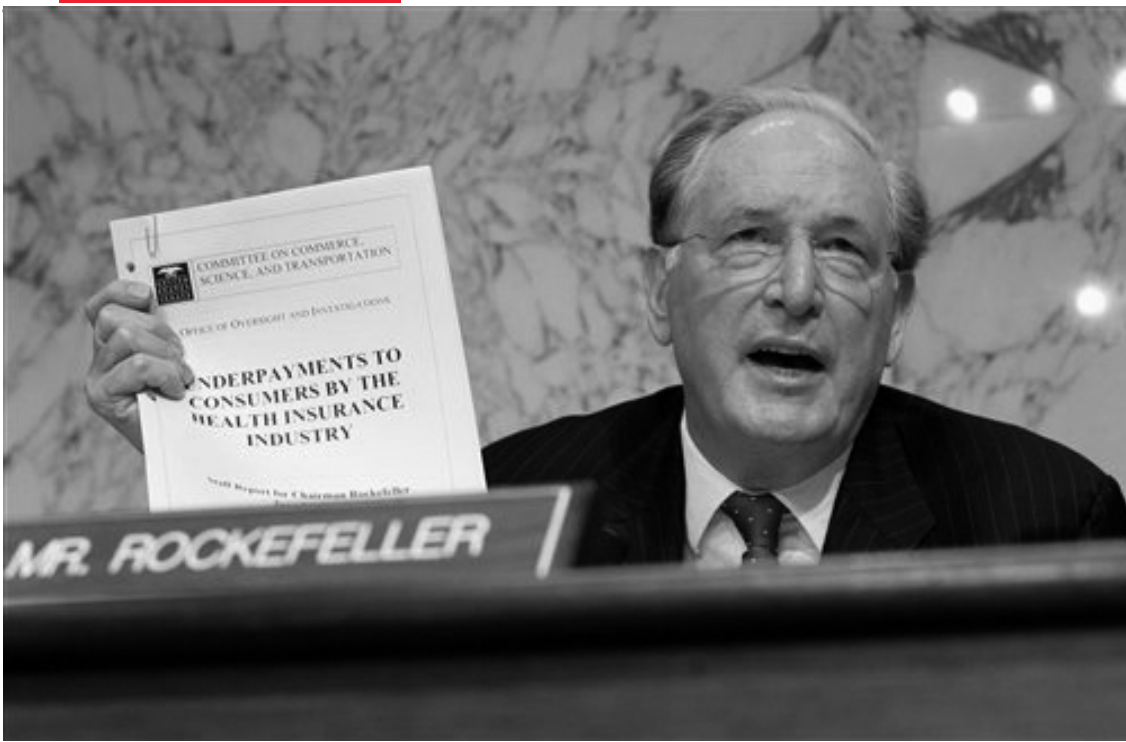


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## HEALTH BILL

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Citing the Congressional Budget Office, the aide says the bill would cut the U.S. government deficit by \$127 billion over that decade.

The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the information had not been shared with rank-and-file Democrats in the Senate.

An intense struggle is expected when debate begins this week on the Senate floor, where Republicans have vowed to block the legislation atop President Barack Obama's domestic agenda.

Officials have said the legislation would require most Americans to carry health insurance and would mandate large companies to provide coverage to their workers, as well as ban insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-

existing medical conditions.

The United States is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan for all its citizens. About 50 million of America's 350 million people are without health insurance. The government provides coverage to the elderly, the poor and some military veterans. But most Americans rely on private insurance usually provided by their employers.

The bill would set up new insurance marketplaces — called exchanges — primarily for those who now have a hard time getting or keeping coverage. Subsidies would be available to help defray the cost of coverage for people with lower incomes.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced two weeks ago it would also include an option for

consumers to purchase government-sold insurance, with states permitted to drop out of the system.

Reid, a Democrat, met in

advance of his party's closed-door caucus with Sens. Ben Nelson, Mary Landrieu and Blanche Lincoln, Democratic moderates who have expressed reservations about the bill. "He is walking through the particulars with them," said Reid's spokesman, Jim Manley.

With the support of two independents, Democrats have 60 seats, the precise number needed to choke off any Republican delaying tactics in the 100-member Senate. None of the 40 Republicans is expected to defect on the first test vote, expected by weekend. Ahead lie weeks — if not more — of unpredictable maneuvering on the Senate floor, where Reid and his allies will seek to incorporate changes sought by Democrats and repel attempts

by Republicans to defeat the legislation and inflict a significant political defeat on the president.

Reid was releasing his legislation more than a week after the House of Representatives approved its version of the health care bill on a near party-line vote of 220-215.

According to estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, that House bill, with a price tag of about \$1.2 trillion, would result in coverage for tens of millions of uninsured, and provide 96 percent of the eligible population with insurance.

Reid has said he was seeking a less costly measure, but it was not clear whether he would meet or slightly exceed Obama's target of roughly \$900 billion over a decade. □

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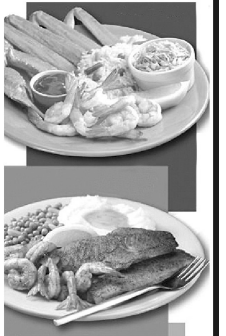
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# Dutch government Oks CO2 storage below town

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch government approved a pilot project Wednesday to pump carbon dioxide into depleted gas fields beneath a town of 43,000 people as a way of reducing emissions blamed for global warming.

Residents of Barendrecht, a suburb 12 miles (18 kilometers) from Rotterdam, fiercely oppose the plan and the local municipality immediately said it would launch legal proceedings to prevent it.

The ministries of environment and economic affairs said Royal Dutch Shell will pump about 800,000 tons of carbon dioxide into the underground chamber more than a mile (2 kilometers) beneath the suburb.

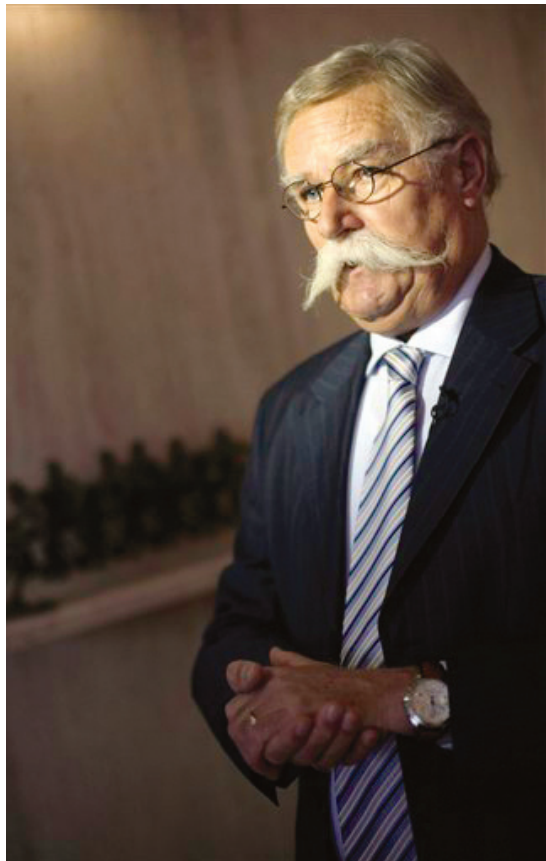
The government estimates there is room to store 10 million tons in two depleted gas fields under Barendrecht. It will closely monitor the first project before considering using the second field for storage.

“The Cabinet is blind to the concerns of Barendrecht residents,” municipality alderman Simon Zuurbier said in a statement that accused the government of “allowing itself to be held hostage by Shell.”

It is the first scheme of its kind in the Netherlands, although a dozen other projects are under way across Europe to store carbon under ground, mainly from coal-fired power stations.

That would allow countries that have lots of coal, such as China and the United States, to cut emissions while using the cheap but polluting fossil fuel.

If it proves economical, the technology would buy the world time in the fight against global



**Simon Zuurbier comments on plans for underground storage of CO2 in Barendrecht, Netherlands, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009. The people of the small Dutch town of Barendrecht are not against pumping tons of carbon dioxide into the ground to fight global warming**

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warming by reducing emissions until cleaner energy sources can be developed — and help the European Union keep promises to reduce greenhouse gas emission by up to 95 percent by 2050.

# UK starts study on using human DNA in animals

By MARIA CHENG,  
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — British scientists begin a new study on Tuesday to consider how human DNA is used in animal experiments and to determine what the boundaries of such controversial science might be. Though experts have been swapping human and animal DNA for years — like replacing animal genes with human genes or growing human organs in animals — scientists at the Academy of Medical Sciences want to make sure the public is aware of what is happening in laboratories before proceeding further.

“It sounds yucky, but it may be well worth doing if it’s going to lead to a cure for something horrible,” said Robin Lovell-Badge, a stem cell expert at Britain’s National Institute for Medical Research, and a member of the group conducting the study.

At a media briefing in London, Lovell-Badge said there were two main types of experiments: altering an animal’s genes by adding human DNA or replacing a specific animal sequence

with its human counterpart. Several years ago, human genes were added to a mouse to create a model of Down’s syndrome for scientists to study how the disease evolves, which could lead to potential treatments.

Scientists also have tried to grow human organs in animals that could one day be transplanted back into humans — like a mouse onto whose back scientists grew a human ear. “There are good reasons for doing this, but it may upset some people,” Lovell-Badge said.

Two years ago, controversy erupted in Britain after scientists announced plans to create human embryos using empty cow and rabbit eggs. Critics condemned the mixing of human and animal genetic material, though scientists said the embryos would be destroyed after 14 days and would only be used to help them learn how to create human stem cells.

Scientists said they are now trying to determine where the line should be drawn on experiments that use human material in animals. At the moment, the regulation on how much human DNA can be put into an animal is vague. “We are trying to work out what is reasonable,” said Martin Bobrow, chairman of the group conducting the study. He and others said they recognized people might be nervous about experiments where animals were given human features or brain cells.

David King, director of Human Genetics Alert, an independent watchdog, said he was not convinced such experiments were warranted. “This is a classic example of science going too fast,” he said. “If you cannot firmly say exactly what it is you’re creating, you should not do it.” □



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# Iran rejects deal on sending uranium abroad

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Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will not ship its low-enriched uranium out of the country for processing, its foreign minister said Wednesday, once again rejecting a U.N. plan aimed at thwarting any attempt by Tehran to make nuclear weapons.

Instead, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki countered with a proposal certain to fall short of Western demands.

The United Nations last month offered a deal to take 70 percent of Iran's low-enriched uranium to reduce its stockpile of material that could be enriched to a higher level, and possibly be used to make nuclear weapons.

That uranium would be returned about a year later as refined fuel rods, which can power reactors but cannot be readily turned into weapons-grade material.

Iran maintains its nuclear program is only for the peaceful purpose of generating energy.

"We will definitely not send our 3.5-percent enriched uranium out of the country," Mottaki told the semiofficial ISNA news agency. But he added: "That means a simultaneous fuel swap could be considered inside Iran."

The counterproposal was an indication of Iran's unwillingness to trust the West with its fuel for the time needed to transform it into the more harmless fuel rods.

Mottaki said that Iranian experts were looking at the modified proposal to determine what amounts of uranium should be exchanged for fuel rods.

However, it remained unclear what would happen with Iran's uranium, if it would be shipped out of the country as part of the trade or remain inside Iran.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian C. Kelly said the U.S. was waiting for Iran to submit its formal response to the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA.

"What was said today doesn't inspire our confidence" that

Iran will accept the proposal that was tentatively agreed to in Geneva.

President Barack Obama said during a visit to China on Tuesday that there would be repercussions if Iran rejected the latest plan.

The idea of Tehran shipping uranium for further enrichment was first raised at a landmark meeting with the U.S. and other world powers at the beginning of October in Geneva. At the time, Iran also agreed to inspections after the disclosure of a once-secret uranium enrichment facility plant known as Fordo, near the holy city of Qom.

Kelly said the U.S. was still consulting with its negotiating partners on a way forward. At some point, he said, the focus would turn to ways of increasing sanctions pressure on Iran, adding, "We're not quite at that point now. But time is short."

Under the U.N. proposal, Iran would export its uranium, which is enriched at less than 5 percent — enough to produce fuel to burn in plants. Enriching uranium to much higher levels can produce weapons-grade material.

In exchange, the Iranian uranium would be further enriched in Russia and then be sent to France. Once there, it would be converted into fuel rods, which would be returned to Iran.

The amount of uranium that would be exported by Iran



under the U.N. plan, about 1.2 tons (1,100 kilograms), represents about 70 percent of its stockpile. It would have been sent to Russia in one batch by the end of the year, easing concerns the material would be used for a weapon. Around 2,200 pounds of low-enriched uranium is needed to produce enough weapons-grade uranium for a single nuclear warhead, according to experts. Iran is believed to have well over that amount of low-enriched uranium in its stockpiles.

Mottaki's proposal indicated that Iran was open to further negotiation when he dismissed a comment by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that the U.N. plan was its only choice.

"Diplomacy is not all or nothing. Mrs. Clinton's comments that Iran must accept only this proposal is not diplomatic," he said.

The U.S. and its allies see the export process as buying time to reach a compromise with Iran by depriving it of the amount of uranium needed to potentially make a nuclear bomb.

Western powers believe Iran is seeking nuclear weapons, or at least the ability to produce them on short notice.

IAEA inspectors visited Fordo last month.

The heavily fortified and bunker-like uranium enrichment facility has further heightened Western suspicions about the extent and intent of Iran's nuclear program.

Ali Asghar Soltanieh, chief Iranian delegate to the IAEA, said that Fordo looked the way it was because uranium enrichment will "not be stopped by military attack — that is the political message of this site."

He added that "the important message is ... enrichment in Iran will continue at any price."

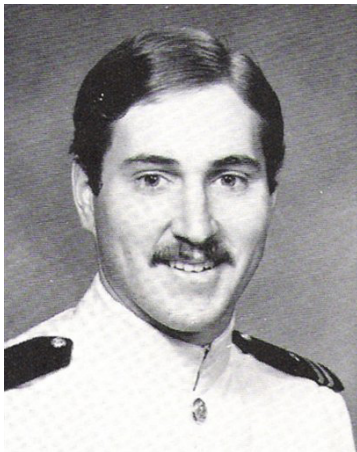
Iran says the facility was fortified to protect it against any possible attack by the U.S. or Israel.

Officials say the plant won't be operational for another 18 months and would produce uranium enrichment levels up to 5 percent, suitable only for peaceful purposes. Weapons-grade material is more than 90 percent enriched. □

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This 1979 class photo released by the Massachusetts Maritime Academy shows Paul Rochford of Barrington, R.I., who was captain aboard the merchant ship Maersk Alabama when arm guards repelled an attack by pirates early Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, off the coast of Africa.

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PIRATES

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Despite an increased international flotilla of warships off the Horn of Africa, maritime figures indicate the number of ship boardings has remained about the same in the

past year.

A U.S. naval commander hailed the ship’s new defenses and family members rejoiced at the Maersk Alabama’s escape this time around, but the handling of the attack highlights a growing schism over use of arms on commercial vessels.

The U.N.’s Maritime Safety Committee says members should “strongly discourage the carrying and use of firearms by seafarers for personal protection or for the protection of a ship.” The concern is that bringing guns aboard ship will encourage violence.

With young and impoverished Somalis increasingly seeking out multimillion-dollar paydays from successful hijackings, ship owners are turning to new tactics, including armed security.

“Somali pirates understand one thing and only one thing, and that’s force,” said Capt. Joseph Murphy, a professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the father of a sailor aboard the Maersk

Alabama the first time it was hijacked in April.

Then, pirates took ship captain Richard Phillips hostage, holding him at gunpoint in a lifeboat for five days. U.S. Navy SEAL sharpshooters freed Phillips while killing three pirates.

This time, the ship used its own private security guards to save itself.

Maritime experts said it is not unusual for ships to be attacked by pirates more than once, particularly those that regularly travel through trouble spots.

Pirate attacks have spiked around the globe this year, according to a report released this week.

The number of attacks worldwide rose to 306 between January and September, surpassing the 293 incidents recorded throughout 2008, according to the International Maritime Bureau’s piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur. Somali pirate activity off the Gulf of Aden, one of the world’s busiest sea lanes,

accounted for at least 135 of the cases. There were 44 pirate boardings and hijackings by Somali pirates in 2008 and 42 so far this year, according to the bureau.

Somali pirates hold 11 ships and 254 crew, a U.N. diplomat said. Attacks have increased in recent weeks as the monsoon season subsided, and pirates in that area are expanding their reach well into the Indian Ocean.

On Wednesday, a self-proclaimed pirate said the captain of a chemical tanker hijacked Monday had died of wounds suffered during the ship’s hijacking. The pirate, Sa’id, who gave only one name for fear of reprisals, said the captain died Tuesday night from internal bleeding. The chemical tanker Theresa was taken Monday with 28 North Korean crew, the EU naval force said.

Poverty and hunger are driving the number of pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean around Somalia,

which has not had a central government since 1991 and is bloodied by war since then.

A member of a Spanish fishing trawler who was freed from pirate captivity with his crew on Tuesday after a \$3.3 million ransom was paid, said his captors were emaciated men ranging in age from 20 to 40.

“The Kalashnikovs were so heavy they bent the men over backward,” Iker Galbarriatu told the Madrid newspaper El Pais, referring to their assault rifles.

“They would not have been able to shoot without falling down.”

The United States is calling for intensified efforts to combat piracy and warning against paying ransom.

The EU this week approved an extension to the union’s naval operations in the area. Speaking to the EU parliament, force commander British Rear Adm. Peter Hudson said that no ships operating under EU escort had been hijacked by the pirates. □

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# Rare crocs found hiding in plain sight in Cambodia

By MICHAEL CASEY,  
AP Environmental Writer  
BANGKOK

— Conservationists searching for one of the world's most endangered crocodile species say they have found dozens of the reptiles lounging in plain sight — at a wildlife rescue center in Cambodia.

DNA taken from 69 crocodiles housed in the moats of the Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center showed nearly 50 percent were Siamese crocodiles, which until recently were believed to have become extinct in the wild, researchers said Wednesday.

“For the first time in Cambodia, we have a captive population of animals that we know 100 percent are purebred Siamese crocodiles,” said Adam Starr, who manages the Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Program, a joint effort between the government and Fauna & Flora International. The Washington, D.C.-based conservation group Wildlife Alliance also took part.

Once common throughout Southeast Asia, the Siamese crocodile or *Crocodylus siamensis* is locally extinct in 99 percent of the areas it once roamed and is listed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Much of the wild population was wiped out by habitat loss and poaching.

Those left in the wild — thought to be less than 250, with nearly all in Cambodia and the rest in Indonesia and Vietnam — face the new threat of hydropower dams being built in two of their three known habitats in the country.

Starr said the discovery of the captive population would give conservationists new options for breeding and reintroducing the crocodiles into the wild, most likely in places not affected by the dams. He said up to 60 crocodiles a year could be released into areas where they once thrived.

DNA analysis, which was done at Thailand's Kasetsart University, is necessary because it is



In this photo taken Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, a mixed breed of a Siamese and salt water crocodile is seen at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center in Phnom Tamao village, Takoe province, about 45 kilometers (28 miles) south of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Conservationists searching for one of the world's most endangered crocodiles have found dozens in an unlikely place, a wildlife rescue center in Cambodia. Retrieving DNA from 69 crocodiles housed at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center, researchers said Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, that they found nearly 50 percent were Siamese crocodiles which until recently were believed to have gone extinct in the wild.

(AP Photo/Heng Sinith)

virtually impossible to tell the difference between Siamese crocodiles and the hybrid crocodile species that are also housed at the center.

Nhek Ratanapech, director of the wildlife center, said he was surprised to learn that so many of the

crocodiles turned out to be pure Siamese.

“Before we conducted the DNA testing, we thought perhaps only three or four of them in the zoo were Siamese crocodiles,” he said.

Siamese crocs are said to be a bit smaller at just under

10 feet (3.5 meters) than hybrids, and their snouts are shorter and wider. □





# Escobar son accused in Medellin cartel crimes



In this Nov. 5, 2009 photo, Sebastian Marroquin, son of Colombia's late drug lord Pablo Escobar, poses for a photo in Buenos Aires. After notorious drug lord Pablo Escobar was killed, the son who many thought would succeed him fled Colombia, assumed a new identity and lived a low-profile life as an architect in Argentina. Fifteen years later, the former Juan Pablo Escobar is trading anonymity for what he calls conscience, asking forgiveness for his father's reign of terror in the documentary "Sins of My Father," which opens Thursday Nov. 12 in Argentina and Nov. 19 at the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam.

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**Associated Press Writers**  
BOGOTA (AP) — Colombia's police director says the son of notorious drug lord Pablo Escobar was directly involved in cartel business, even killings, rejecting the denials of a man whose reappearance is creating a sensation in Colombia 16 years after his father's death.

The accusations that Gen. Oscar Naranjo made in an interview with The

Associated Press Tuesday were bolstered by the assertions of a former cartel lieutenant, who says the younger Escobar accompanied his father on a police captain's killing and took drug money.

The former Juan Pablo Escobar, 32, is using the newly released film "Sins of My Father" to apologize to the sons of two politicians the arch criminal ordered assassinated during nearly a decade of terrorizing Colombia.

The son denied any involvement in his father's criminal affairs in a Nov. 5 interview with The Associated Press, and also said he did not inherit his father's multibillion-dollar fortune.

Naranjo, however, said the drug lord turned over command of his hired killers and trafficking enterprise to his teenage son in the last months of his life as a police dragnet tightened.

"When he began to lose command and control, his son became the obligatory point of contact for those assassins and that criminal structure, and the nod of Pablo's son was enough to do things — and they were done," he told the AP. "Of that, the police can attest."

The job included giving hit men orders to kill, Naranjo said, although he did not specify any particular killings.

Escobar's only son changed his name to Sebastian Marroquin for his protection before authorities spirited him out of Colombia with his mother and younger sister in 1994. Nearly a year earlier in December 1993, police tracked down and killed the father when the boy was 16.

Naranjo also accused Marroquin of trying unsuccessfully to set up a money laundering operation in Chile before settling in Argentina, where he says he is a self-supporting architect. He and his mother were charged with money-laundering in Argentina in 1999, and later cleared.

"I recently put in motion a request to Argentine authorities to tell me what's going on with the property and finances of this guy," Naranjo told the AP.

Separately, a former cartel lieutenant told the AP that Marroquin had accompanied his father in the 1992 killing in Medellin of police Capt.

Fernando Hoyos.

Marroquin carried an Austrian AUG assault rifle during the raid, in which Escobar first bombed the officer's home then shot Hoyos dead when he emerged, Jhon Jairo Velasquez said in a telephone interview from Combita prison, where he is serving a 30-year prison sentence for crimes including murder and terrorism.

Velasquez also said Marroquin personally received millions of dollars that Escobar took from two traffickers — Fernando Galeano and Gerardo Moncada — he had killed in 1993 inside the Catedral prison that the state built to his specifications for an "incarceration" from which he later fled.

Repeated attempts to reach Marroquin for comment on the accusations were unsuccessful. The documentary's director, Nicolas Entel, told the AP when reached on Tuesday that Marroquin was considering issuing a statement.

Marroquin had denied Velasquez's accusations in Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper on Sunday, where they were first published.

"All of that is false. They are lies," the newspaper quoted Marroquin as saying.

Acting Chief Prosecutor Guillermo Mendoza told the AP on Wednesday Marroquin faces no criminal charges in Colombia and there are no open investigations into his activities.

Colombians have been fixated by Marroquin's emergence from a low-profile life in Argentina to ask forgiveness and seek what he called reconciliation.

Many are nervous about any return to public view of Medellin cartel figures, says Rodrigo Lara, the son

of a politician who was assassinated on Escobar's orders.

Marroquin apologized to him last year in a secret visit to Colombia shown in the documentary. Nervousness extends far beyond fear of a criminal resurgence, he said, noting that Colombians who benefited financially or politically from association with the cartel don't want that known.

"The mere possibility that these people (Escobar's family) could appear on the scene, and, on top of that, be pardoned by their victims, has a lot of people, very important people in this country, quivering in fear," he told the AP.

From atop the world's leading cocaine cartel in the 1980s, Escobar fought extradition to the United States with a reign of terror. He and his allies ordered the killings of hundreds who opposed them — politicians, judges and journalists.

Escobar at one point even offered a bounty of more than \$4,000 for any police officer killed in Medellin, his hometown. More than a hundred were killed.

One of Colombia's leading columnists and chroniclers of its drug wars, Maria Jimena Duzan, met with Marroquin in Buenos Aires in 2006 and believes, like Lara, that he's anguished by his father's bloody legacy and is trying to cleanse his soul.

She thinks he was sincere in seeking the forgiveness of the three sons of Luis Carlos Galan, the presidential candidate the drug lord had killed in 1989, and of Lara, whose justice minister father was assassinated in 1984.

But she said she agreed with Colombia's police that Marroquin was involved in his father's criminal enterprise and "hasn't told us the whole truth." □





# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Tracy, Scioscia win 2009 MLB manager awards

JAY COHEN,  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Tracy of the Colorado Rockies won the National League Manager of the Year award and Mike Scioscia of the Los Angeles Angels was selected for the American League honor on Wednesday.

Tracy became the second manager to win the award after taking over during the season, joining Jack McKeon for Florida in 2003.

Tracy received 29 first-place votes and two seconds for 151 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Scioscia got 15 first-place votes, 10 seconds and one third for 106 points.



This is a March 13, 2009, file photo showing Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia won the AL Manager of the Year award Wednesday Nov. 18, 2009, and Jim Tracy, skipper of the Colorado Rockies, was selected for the NL honor.



*Associated Press*

The Rockies promoted Tracy from bench coach after Clint Hurdle was fired in late May and won the wild-card race.

The 53-year-old Tracy, who was out of Major League Baseball before he became the Rockies' bench coach

in November 2008, was rewarded with a three-year contract by the Rockies, less than an hour after he won the manager's award.

Scioscia kept the Angels going after the death of pitcher Nick Adenhardt, and they won their fifth AL West division title in six years. Scioscia, who turns 51 on Nov. 27, was credited for giving his players time to grieve while gently insisting on accountability as an early slump lingered. Los Angeles responded by surging to another division title and making it to the AL Championship Series, eliminating playoffs nemesis Boston along the way.

"This award is a true honor and a testament to the perseverance

of our players and staff," Scioscia said in a release. "As a team, we overcame several obstacles to put together a successful season in 2009."

Ron Gardenhire finished second in the AL voting for the second straight year and fifth time during his eight seasons as Minnesota Twins manager. He also placed third in 2002, when Scioscia was honored for the first time, but has never won the award. Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals, a four-time winner, was a distant second in the NL with 55 points.

Lou Piniella of the Chicago Cubs and Joe Maddon of the Tampa Bay Rays were honored last year. □

#### NFL Preview

### Panthers and Dolphins on rise



Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown (23) straight arms New England Patriots cornerback Leigh Bodden (23) during the first quarter of their NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009.

BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After the first month of the NFL season, the Miami Dolphins and Carolina Panthers already were being written off. Both were winless and their 2008 division titles were being termed flukes.

But they're back in the playoff

*Associated Press*  
chase, albeit on the fringes. The Dolphins and Panthers almost certainly won't repeat their division championships of a year ago, but with 4-5 win-loss records, each can think of a wild-card entry into the playoffs.

Of course, the loser on Thursday in Charlotte will have a much tougher chore

to get into the playoffs. But the winner will have positive vibes and an impressive 5-2 mark since such a spotty first month.

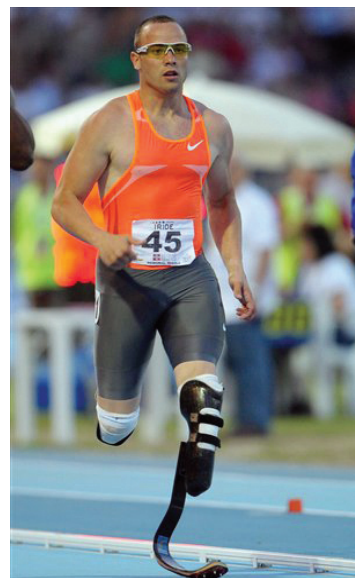
The Panthers, favored by three points, might be the more desperate team because their last four games of the season are against current winners who might win their divisions: New England, Minnesota, New York Giants and New Orleans. Not that Miami has a leisurely swim through December and early January: New England, Jacksonville, Houston and Pittsburgh still remain. All of them have winning marks, too.

Carolina has found southern comfort in the no-huddle offense.

"It presents some challenges, particularly in a short week," Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said.

Miami's wildcat does the same, but without Ronnie Brown running it, the Dolphins could struggle to move the ball against an improved Carolina defense. □

### New study finds Pistorius gets boost from Cheetahs



This is a June 4, 2009, file photo showing South Africa's Oscar Pistorius competing in the men's 400 meter event during the 10th memorial Primo Nebiolo international track and field meeting, in Turin, Italy. The prosthetic legs of double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius give the South African a 10-second advantage over a 400-meter race, according to a new study.

*Associated Press*

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The prosthetic legs of double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius give the South African a 10-second advantage over a 400-meter race, according to a new study.

Human performance researchers Peter Weyand of Southern Methodist University and Matthew Bundle of the University of Wyoming found that Pistorius, who has been cleared to compete against able-bodied athletes, runs the 400 distance 10 seconds faster than he would if his prosthetic limbs behaved like normal legs.

Their conclusion will be published Thursday in the Journal of Applied Physiology.

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## NBA Roundup

## Suns continue strong start with win at Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Phoenix Suns recovered from a slow start to get a 111-105 win over the Houston Rockets in the NBA on Tuesday, rallying from a double-digit deficit to victory for the fifth time this season.

Amare Stoudemire scored 23 points and Steve Nash had 16 assists for the NBA's early-season pacesetter.

The Suns extended a strong recent record at Houston and remain the only team to reach 100 points in all their games this season. For the Rockets, Carl Landry scored a career-high 27 points off the bench.

**Lakers 106, Pistons 93**

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 40 points for the 100th time in his career, and Los Angeles avoided a rare three-game losing streak by downing Detroit.

Andrew Bynum had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers, who took a 28-point lead before surviving Detroit's impressive fourth-quarter rally to avoid their first three-game skid in nearly two years,

following losses to Denver and Houston.

Bryant didn't appear to be slowed by his strained groin while scoring 27 points in the middle two quarters before reaching 40 on a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left. With four 40-point games already this season after getting just four all last year, Bryant trails only Wilt Chamberlain (271) and Michael Jordan (173) in 40-point games in NBA history. For Detroit, Will Bynum scored 10 of his 24 points in the final period.

**Nuggets 130, Raptors 112**

In Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points to lead Denver over Toronto.

Anthony is the only player in the NBA to score at least 20 points in all of his team's games so far. He's topped 30 points seven times. He sat out the final quarter.

Reserve J.R. Smith finished with 29 for the Nuggets. After withstanding Smith's seven-game suspension and a six-game trip, the Nuggets weathered a determined

Raptors team that was without forward Hedo Turkoglu (left hip) but didn't trail until midway through the third quarter.

Chris Bosh led Toronto with 13 points and 14 rebounds.

**Thunder 100, Heat 87**

In Miami, Kevin Durant scored 32 points as Oklahoma City continued its surprisingly strong start by downing Miami.

Russell Westbrook had 24 for the Thunder, which took control with an early 20-1 run and sealed it with a 14-2 burst in the third quarter. Jeff Green added 13 for Oklahoma City, who've won three straight on the road.

For Miami, Dwyane Wade finished with 22 points on 6 of 19 shooting.

The Thunder got off to a 6-32 start last year. This season, they're 6-5.

**Bulls 101, Kings 87**

In Sacramento, California, John Salmons scored 23 points to lift the Bulls to victory over Sacramento.

It was the first game with more



Phoenix Suns' Amare Stoudemire shoots a short hook shot over Houston Rockets' Shane Battier and Carl Landry in the fourth quarter during a NBA basketball game on Tuesday Nov. 17, 2009 in Houston. Phoenix won 111-105.

*Associated Press*

than 100 points for Chicago, which entered with the NBA's third-worst shooting percentage. The Bulls shot 47 percent and made seven of 12 3-point shots.

Making only his fifth career start, Donte Greene scored 24

points for the Kings, who had won four straight.

**Cavaliers 114, Warriors 108**

In Cleveland, LeBron James had 31 points and 12 assists as Cleveland held off a gutsy effort by the undermanned Golden State.

J.J. Hickson added a career-high 21 points for the Cavaliers, who lost Jamario Moon to injury and were without Shaquille O'Neal and Anderson Varejao.

Injuries and illness had stripped the Warriors of seven players and had the league-minimum eight available, but Monta Ellis got 23 points as they pushed Cleveland all the way.

**Hornets 110, Clippers 102**

In New Orleans, Jeff Bower picked up his first coaching win in New Orleans' defeat of Los Angeles.

David West had 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who notched their first win in four.

With Chris Paul out, point guards Darren Collison and Bobby Brown scored 12 apiece and combined for 11 assists.

For the Clippers, Al Thornton scored 30 points.

Bower moved to the sideline while keeping his general manager role when Byron Scott was fired on Thursday. □

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NHL Roundup

# Avalanche opens lead in NHL Northwest

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Ryan Wilson scored his first NHL goal and added an assist as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Calgary Flames 3-2 in a clash of the NHL Northwest Division's top teams.

Milan Hejduk got the game-winner and Cody McLeod also scored to help the Avalanche move three points ahead of the Flames. Calgary captain Jarome Iginla had his 12th goal of the season — and eighth in his past seven games — and Rene Bourque also scored for the Flames, whose run of points-earning games ended at six.

## Capitals 4, Rangers 2

### PISTORIUS

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"Pistorius" sprinting mechanics are anomalous, advantageous and directly attributable to how much lighter and springier his artificial limbs are," Weyand said in a statement.

"The blades enhance sprint running speeds by 15-30 percent."

Based on tests performed by German professor Gert-Peter Brueggemann, the IAAF banned Pistorius from competing against able-bodied athletes in January 2008, but that was overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in May.

The CAS ruling cleared Pistorius to compete at the Beijing Olympics, but he failed to run the required qualifying time of 45.95 seconds. His personal best is 46.25.

After failing to reach the Olympics in Beijing, Pistorius won three gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400 at the Paralympics last September. He also failed to meet the qualified standard ahead of this year's world championships in Berlin.

In New York, Matt Bradley bounced back from having his face bloodied in a first-period fight to net the winning goal as Washington beat New York.

Bradley was forced off in the opening period after taking several hard blows to the face from New York's Aaron Voros. Then with 4:51 left in the third, he raced up the ice on a break and beat goalie Henrik Lundqvist for the winner.

Brooks Laich and Brian Pothier also scored for the Capitals, who welcomed back Alex Ovechkin from injury.

Marian Gaborik scored both goals for the Rangers

and moved into a tie for the league lead with Ovechkin with his 15th.

## Predators 4, Sharks 3

In Nashville, Tennessee, Nashville edged San Jose to make it three straight wins.

Joel Ward and David Legwand each had a goal and two assists while Jerred Smithson had a goal and Ryan Suter had two assists for the Predators, who overwhelmed Sharks backup goalie Thomas Greiss, playing his fourth game this season.

Joe Thornton had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who lost in regulation for the first time in almost four weeks. Scott Nichol had

The 22-year-old Pistorius, known as the "Blade Runner," is still hoping to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics. Weyand and Bundle now say that the lightweight blades allow Pistorius "to reposition his limbs 15.7 percent more rapidly than five of the most recent former world-record holders in the 100-meter dash."

"The springy, lightweight

blades allow Pistorius to attain the same sprinting speeds while applying 20 percent less ground force than intact-limb runners," the pair found, according to the statement. "The springy blades reduce the muscle forces Pistorius requires for sprinting to less than half of intact-limb levels." □



Colorado Avalanche' Ryan Wilson, right, tries to get past Calgary Flames' David Moss during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Calgary, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009.

Associated Press

a short-handed goal and Patrick Marleau also scored for San Jose.

## Senators 3, Maple Leafs 2

In Ottawa, Mike Fisher scored twice, including the tiebreaking goal in the second period, to lift Ottawa over Toronto.

Fisher beat Vesa Toskala with a high shot with 5:50 left in the second period to help the Senators rally from a 2-1 deficit.

Milan Michalek also scored for the Senators, who earned their first win in three games.

Toronto's Phil Kessel and Niklas Hagman scored but the Leafs lost their fourth straight.

## Canadiens 3, Hurricanes 2, SO

In Montreal, Carey Price stopped all six Carolina attempts in the shootout to give Montreal victory.

Price stopped Tuomo Ruutu, Jussi Jokinen, Rod Brind'Amour, Sergei Samsonov and Bryan Rodney before Maxim Lapierre finally beat Carolina's Manny Legace on Montreal's sixth attempt. Price then got enough of Matt Cullen's shot on the Hurricanes' next attempt to leave the puck on the goal line to the delight of the sell-out crowd.

Max Pacioretty and Andrei Kostitsyn scored in regulation for Montreal. Brandon Sutter and Jussi Jokinen had the Hurricanes' goals. □

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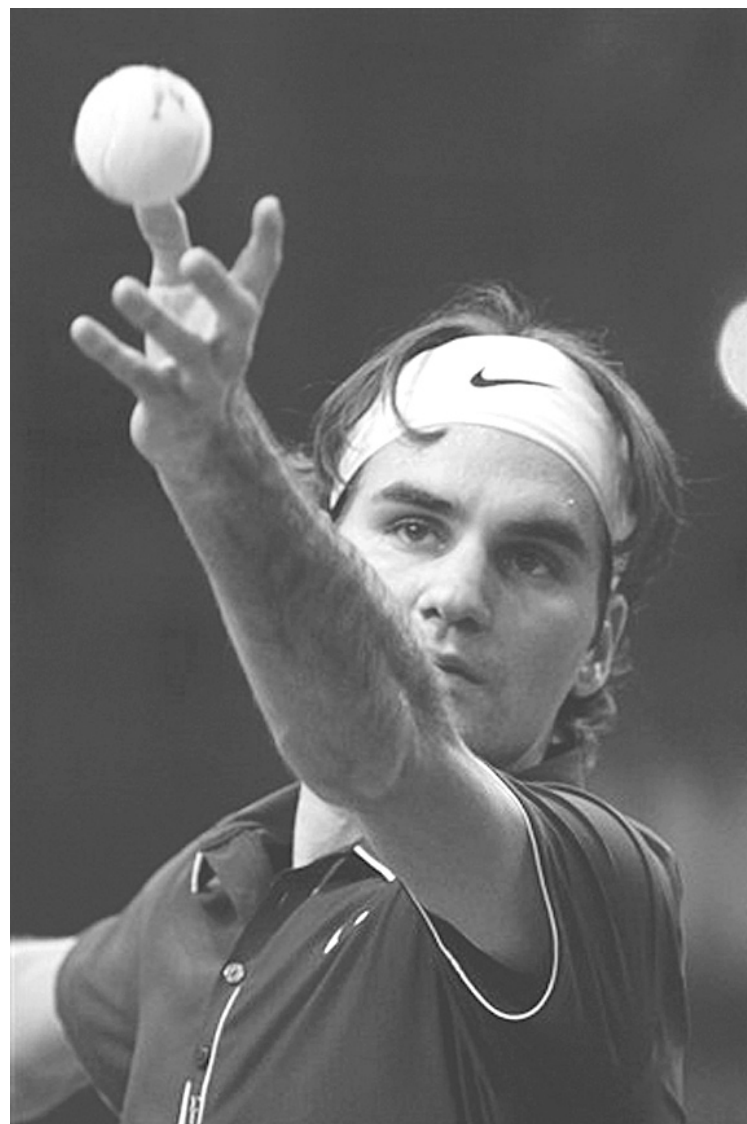
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# Federer drawn into same group as Del Potro



Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns the ball to Julien Benneteau, of France, during BNP Masters indoor tennis tournament in Paris, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009.

*Associated Press*

LONDON (AP) — Top-ranked Roger Federer was drawn Wednesday to play both U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro and Andy Murray in the round-robin phase of the ATP World Tour Finals.

Federer, who lost to Del Potro in the U.S. Open final, will also face Fernando Verdasco in Group A.

Second-ranked Rafael Nadal was drawn into Group B with Novak Djokovic, Nikolay Davydenko and Robin Soderling.

“Whoever you draw is going to be tough,” said Murray, who reached the semifinals at the season-ending tournament in Shanghai last year. “Obviously I look forward to playing Roger.

I’ve played Juan a few times on the tour recently and also had a close match recently with Verdasco indoors in Valencia.

“It’s a tough group, but if I play well I think I have a good chance of qualifying.”

The top two players in each group will advance to the semifinals of the season-ending tournament, which starts Sunday at the O2 Arena in London. The final is set for Nov. 29.

The tournament, which could earn an undefeated champion \$1.63 million, features the top eight players in the world. Each round-robin match is worth \$120,000, while the semifinal winners earn another \$380,000 each. The champion will get an extra \$770,000 for the win in the final.

Federer, who regained the No. 1 ranking from Nadal this season, could still be overtaken by the second-ranked Spaniard because an undefeated winner of the tournament will claim 1,500 points. Federer has 10,150 points heading into the tournament, and Nadal has 9,205.

Federer rebounded from a disappointing year in 2008 and completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open for the first time. He then reclaimed his Wimbledon title while breaking Pete Sampras’ career Grand Slam record with his 15th major title.

In the other two Grand Slam tournaments, Federer lost in five sets in the finals — to Nadal at the Australian Open and to Del Potro at the U.S. Open.

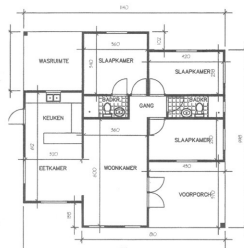
Despite winning the Australian Open, Nadal struggled with injuries throughout the 2009 season. He lost to Soderling in the fourth round at Roland Garros and then pulled out of Wimbledon, where he was the defending champion. He made the semifinals at the U.S. Open, but again was hampered by injuries and lost to Del Potro.

Djokovic, who won the ATP World Tour Finals in Shanghai last year, seems to be in the best form heading into this year’s tournament. The third-ranked Serb beat Federer in the Swiss Indoors final early this month, and then defeated Nadal in the Paris Masters semifinals en route to winning the tournament last Sunday.

Sixth-ranked Andy Roddick had been expected to play in London, but the Wimbledon finalist withdrew late Tuesday with a left knee injury. Ninth-ranked Soderling, who lost to Federer in the French Open final, is Roddick’s replacement.

In doubles, Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic, Mahesh Bhupathi and Mark Knowles, Frantisek Cermak and Michal Mertinak, and Max Mirnyi and Andy Ram are in Group A. Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan, Lukas Dlouhy and Leander Paes, Lukasz Kubot and Oliver Marach, and Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski are in Group B. □

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# Congreso resolverá situación de Zelaya después de elecciones

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - El Congreso decidirá hasta después de las elecciones generales del 29 de noviembre si restituye o no en el poder al presidente derrocado Manuel Zelaya, informó el martes el presidente de la legislatura.

El presidente del Congreso José Alfredo Saavedra dijo que ese organismo sesionará el 2 de diciembre.

En tanto, el subsecretario estadounidense adjunto para el Hemisferio Occidental Craig Kelly, quien llegó a Tegucigalpa en la jornada, se reunió con el presidente de facto Roberto Micheletti, informó a periodistas el ministro de la Presidencia Rafael Pineda al terminar el encuentro. Posteriormente, Kelly se entrevistó con Zelaya en la embajada de Brasil.

Pineda dijo que además de entrevistarse con el gobernante de facto y Zelaya, Kelly tienen planificado dialogar con representantes de otras entidades estatales, que no específico. Es la tercera visita de Kelly a Honduras en un mes.

“Seguimos hablando con las dos partes”, dijo Kelly al término del encuentro con el derrocado gobernante en la sede diplomática. “Como amigos del pueblo hondureño vamos a seguir trabajando con los dos lados para buscar soluciones”, apuntó.

La vocera de la embajada de Estados Unidos, Ledy Pacheco, había dicho antes que la visita de Kelly tiene el propósito de destrabar el proceso de diálogo y empujar el acuerdo de Tegucigalpa-San

José suscrito por las partes.

La visita de Kelly se registra tres días después de que Zelaya afirmara en una carta enviada al presidente norteamericano Barack Obama que no desea ser restituido y que sigue siendo el gobernante de Honduras hasta cumplir su gestión de cuatro años el 27 de enero.

El mandatario derrocado ha afirmado que impugnará los comicios porque una vez realizados legitimarían el golpe de Estado. Saavedra dijo que convocó a la sesión extraordinaria del Legislativo después de recibir informes del Comisionado Nacional de Derechos Humanos y de la Procuraduría General sobre la eventual reinstalación del presidente defenestrado. Agregó que la próxima semana estarán listos los reportes del Ministerio Público y la Corte Suprema de Justicia sobre la misma materia.

La determinación del Congreso fue criticada por el presidente depuesto y sus seguidores. □



El depuesto presidente hondureño Manuel Zelaya hace un nuevo llamado contra las elecciones que organiza el gobierno de facto para el 29 de noviembre del 2009.

## Economía venezolana entra en recesión

CARACAS (AP) - Tras casi cinco años de crecimiento continuo la economía venezolana entró en un proceso recesivo al registrar en el tercer trimestre una caída de 4,5%, superando en casi en doble la contracción del trimestre anterior.

Los impactos más fuertes de la recesión se sintieron en el área petrolera que descendió 9,5%, y el sector privado que reportó una baja de 5,8%.

La contracción de la actividad económica ocurre en medio de un contexto de aceleración de precios, lo que ha llevado a los analistas a estimar que Venezuela entró en un ciclo de “estanflación”, que implica contracción económica y alta inflación.

El Banco Central de Venezuela (BCV) informó el martes en un comunicado que el Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) se contrajo 4,5% en el tercer trimestre del año, en comparación con igual período del año pasado cuando la economía creció 3,8%. Para el segundo trimestre del año se reportó una caída de 2,4%.

De acuerdo con los parámetros internacionales, luego de dos trimestres continuos de contracción una economía entra en un proceso recesivo.

Desde el 2003 Venezuela no enfrentaba un proceso recesivo cuando la economía cayó 9,2% como consecuencia del fallido golpe del 2002 y el paro petrolero que dio entre finales de ese año e inicios del 2003. □

## Venezuela descarta mediación de EEUU en crisis con Colombia

CARACAS (AP) - El gobierno venezolano objetó el martes la oferta que realizó Estados Unidos para mediar en la crisis que mantiene con Colombia, y consideró la propuesta como “grosera”.

La cancillería venezolana dijo en un comunicado que la propuesta de mediación de Estados Unidos “tiene un claro propósito de desviar la atención de su responsabilidad primaria en la crisis y resulta grosera a los ojos de los pueblos conscientes del mundo”.

El gobierno emitió la declaración en respuesta a comentarios que realizó la semana pasada el portavoz del Departamento de Estado, Ian Kelly, quien pidió a Bogotá y Caracas “bajar el nivel de la retórica”, y manifestó la disposición de su país a mediar en la crisis generada por el acuerdo que suscribieron Colombia y Estados Unidos, que permite a tropas estadounidenses utilizar bases

colombianas.

La cancillería responsabilizó a Washington de la crisis y sostuvo que “la instalación de bases militares bajo el control irrestricto de los Estados Unidos en Colombia constituye el origen de esta situación de inestabilidad y de inquietud regional”.

“Si los Estados Unidos tienen un real interés en colaborar para promover el diálogo y la estabilidad regional deben desistir en su intención de convertir a Colombia en la base de operaciones de su estrategia regional de dominación”, agrega el escrito.

Las relaciones entre Venezuela y Colombia se mantienen en crisis desde julio pasado luego que el presidente Hugo Chávez decidió “congelar” las relaciones con el gobierno de Alvaro Uribe en rechazo al acuerdo militar que acordó con los estadounidenses. □





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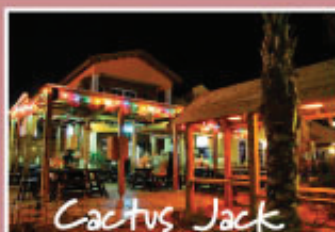


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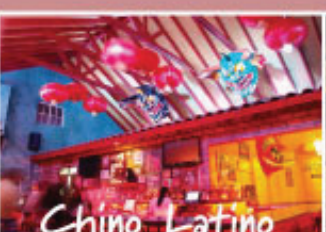
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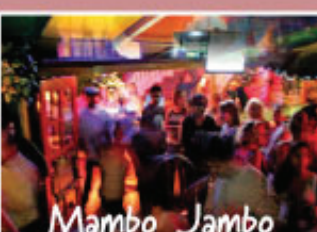
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